GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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DAMAGE TO RAILWAY TRACKS IN JHARKHAND
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether several Railway Tracks were blown up in lharkhand on Republic Day this year;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the loss to the railways there from; and

(c) the measures. taken ~o protect the Railway properties?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The details oftheincidents of blowing up of railway tracks in lharkhand on Republic Day, 2006 are as under:

1. On 25.1.2006 at about 23.00 hours, thirteen wagons of goods train No.E/ECN/Hatia while passing between Kita and Gautamdhara Railway stations got derailed and capsized due to a bomb blast on the Railway track. Cost of damage caused to the Railways has been estimated at Rs.1,23,92,456/- approximately. In this connection a case vide Crime No.l1/06 dated 26.1.2006 under section 3 & 4 of Exp I osi yes Act, 1 7 Criminal Law (c. L.) Act and 427 Indian Penal Code has been registered at Angaraha Police station against unknown persons.

2. On 25.1.2006 at about 21.20 hours, patrol man of Harubera- Gola Road section reported about the sound of a blast beyond Km. No.377 towards Gola Road. On 26.01.2006 during joint enquiry by police and Railway Protection Force (RPF) at KM No. 378/4-5, it w~s found that 1.40 metres of track fittings and about one half of two sleepers were blown off due to the explosion. The Over Head Equipment (OHE) contact wire was also damaged in the blast. Cost of damage caused to Railways has been estimated at Rs.20,000/- approximately. In this connection, a case vide crime No.7/06 dated 20.1.2006 under section 3 & 4 of Explosives Act, Section 151 of the Railways Act, 1989 and 17 C.L. Act has been registered by Local Police of Gola against unknown persons.

3. On 26.1.2006 at Km. No.171/24 -171/06 in between Mckluskiganj and Mahumilan railway stations, a bomb blast took place on the Railway track resulting in stoppage of goods train No.3934/ 3947 Down (empty) in the section. Extremists threatened and snatched away two (2) walkie- talkies sets from the possession of the train guard and the driver. Cost of damage caused to the Railways has been estimated at Rs.78,00,000/-, apPWf{imately. In this connection, a case vide crime No. 13/06 dated 26.1.2006 under section 147,148,149,379,427 oflndian Penal Code, 3, 4 of Explosives Act and 17 ofc.L Act`has been registered by Local Police of Chandwa.

4. On 26.1.2006 at about 00.15 hours extremists blasted the railway track at Km. 68/3-4 in between Dania and Jogeshawar Bihar railway stations. Cost of damage caused to Railways has been estimated at Rs.3,500/- approximately. In this connection, a case vide crime No.03/06 dated 26.1.2006 under section 121A, 123, 124A, 147, 148, 149,353 oflndian Penal Code and 3, 4 & 5 of Explosives Act has been registered by the Local Police/ Dumri.

(c): `Policing` being a State subject, prevention of crime, registration of cases, their investigation and maintenance of law and order in the Railway premises as well as on running trains are the statutory responsibility of the State Police. However, the security of stations, trains, passengers and railway staff have been geared up by deploying additional Police and Railway Protection Force personnel in vulnerable sections in consultation with Police authorities as precautionary measures to prevent any act of violence/sabotage etc.